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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF ISTVAN DEAK

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1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY POLOFF, MADE COURTESY CALL ON ROSTA, KKI, TO DISCUSS DEAK CASE AND CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT (REPORTED SEPTTEL) MAIN TOPICS OF CONVERSATION. AMBASSADOR REGISTERED FURTHER CONCERN RE REPERCUSSIONS DEAK'S EXPULSION ON OUR CULTURAL RELATIONS, WHEN WE WERE GIVEN NO PERSUASIVE REASONS FOR IT. NOTED WE HAD TALKED TO DEAK, A RESPECTED SCHOLAR, AND THAT NOTHING HE HAD TOLD US OF HIS STAY HERE CONSTITUTED SATISFACTORY GROUNDS FOR SUCH STEP. ROSTA SAID THAT ONLY GOH DESIRED TO SEPARATE POLITICAL MATTERS FROM CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS, IMPLYING THAT DEAK INVOLVED IN SOME KIND OF UNACCEPTABLE POLITICAL ACTIVITY. IN ANY CASE WE BELIEVE THAT TERMINATION IREX PROGRAM OR ITS HEAVY CURTAILMENT WOULD HURT MORE THAN HELP US INTERESTS. WE STAND ON OUR VIEW (BUDAPEST 3844) THAT "EXPANSION OF CONTACTS IS SO MUCH IN OUR INTEREST THAT WE SHOULD NOT RISK SHARP CURTAILMENT THROUGH STEPS AS STRONG AS THOSE BEING CONSIDERED BY IREX", WE TRUST THAT IREX CAN BE PERSUADED THAT THIS WISEST COURSE AND THAT DISCRETION AND JUDGMENT SHOULD BE ORDER OF DAY. END SUMMARY.

2. ROSTA SAID MATTER OBVIOUSLY CAREFULLY CONSIDERED

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IN LIGHT OF GOH DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE RELATIONS

WITH US AND FACT IT WAS WELL KNOWN DEAK FULL PROFESSOR AT COLUMBIA UNIV. ROSTA SAID THAT IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED DEAK WOULD NOT ADMIT HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN OTHER THAN SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES. HE ADDED THAT GOH HAD A CONSISTENT, SINGLE VIEW IN SCIENTIFIC-CULTURAL POLICY, I.E., THAT RELATIONS WITH US SHOULD ADVANCE.

3. WHEN AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED FURTHER CONCERN ABOUT GOH INTENTIONS RE HUNGARIAN-AMERICAN EXCHANGEES, ROSTA SAID GOH DID NOT INTEND TO TELL US WE MUST EXCLUDE HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS WHO "ILLEGALLY" LEFT HERE SINCE SUCH A POLICY WOULD CONSTITUTE "INTERFERENCE IN US INTERNAL AFFAIRS". HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT INCLUSION OF "FIFTY-SIXERS" IN OFFICIAL EXCHANGES CAUSED PROBLEMS THAT WERE DIFFERENT THAN THEIR VISITING PRIVATELY. ADDED THAT WHAT HUNGARY SOUGHT WAS SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH MAINSTREAM OF US THINKING, NOT JUST THOSE NATIONALLY ORIENTED. SAID THAT "MOST" OF EXCHANGEES SHOULD NOT BE FROM LATTER GROUP. AMBASSADOR AGREED WE ALSO SOUGHT BROADER EXCHANGE BUT OBSERVED HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS WERE MORE INTERESTED IN HUNGARY THAN OTHERS. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT ONLY ABOUT HALF OF PRESENT EXCHANGEES WERE HUNGARIAN-BORN.

4. AMBASSADOR ALSO MENTIONED ISSUE TO FONMIN DEPUTY MINISTER NAGY IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION DECEMBER 7, SAYING DEAK EXPULSION WOULD CAUSE REACTION IN ACADEMIC CIRCLES IN US HARMFUL TO HUNGARIAN INTEREST THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED. IF GOH AUTHORITIES THOUGHT DEAK NOT ACTING PROPERLY THEY COULD HAVE SPOKEN TO US OR TO HIM INSTEAD OF EXPELLING HIM. NAGY SAID HE THOUGH KKI (AND POLICE) HAD MADE MISTAKE (IN ADMITTING HIM); IF THEY ANTICIPATED DIFFICULTY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO ADMIT HIM IN FIRST PLACE. HE RECOGNIZED THAT STEPS TAKEN WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS IN US.

5. COMMENTS: EMBASSY VIEW IS THAT ACTION AGAINST DEAK DOES NOT REPRESENT STIFFER CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTANCE US SCHOLARS NOR DESIRE TO CURTAIL PROGRAM. GOH REACTION PROBABLY STEMMED FROM CONTACT WITH INDIVIDUAL IN GROUP (HEGEDUS) TO WHICH PARTY IS IDEOLOGICALLY HOSTILE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHETHER THIS IS OVERLY STRONG POLICE REACTION FROM ONE CONTACT, OR WHETHER DEAK HAD FURTHER CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUALS OF THAT NATURE CAN ONLY BE CLARIFIED BY HIM. ROSTA'S COMMENTS ABOUT INCLUSION HUNGARIAN-AMERICANS IN EXCHANGES ALSO IS A FURTHER SOFTENING EVEN FROM TALK WITH VARKONYI, AND PUTS US ALMOST WHERE WE WERE WHEN ISSUE RAISED WITH USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH.

6. WE SUGGEST THAT IREX DEBRIEF DEAK THOROUGHLY TO

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OBTAIN FACTS AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE AND THEN, DEPENDING ON RESULTS, SEND CABLE TO KKI EXPRESSING DEEP CONCERN OVER EFFECT ON HUNGARIAN-US EXCHANGE PROGRAMS OF ABRUPT EXPULSION OF DISTINGUISHED US SCHOLAR WITHOUT PROVIDING US ANY INFO RE HIS ALLEGEDLY UNWARRENTEED CONDUCT. CABLE COULD SAY THAT IREX ALSO CONCERNED OVER APPARENT INTENTION TO MINIMIZE NUMBER OF AMERICANS BEST EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE IN EXCHANGE PROGRAMS IN HUNGARY AND THAT IT NEED CLARIFICATION ON HUNGARIAN POLICY, INCLUDING WHETHER AREAS OF RESEARCH OR NORMAL CONTACTS ARE BEING CLOSED OR RESTRICTED FOR US SCHOLARS.

7. ALTHOUGH KKI NOT LIKELY TO PROVIDE IREX WITH SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION ON DEAK, SUCH APPROACH WOULD PUT GH ON NOTICE THAT EXPULSION HAS CAUSED SERIOUS CONCERN IN US AND WOULD MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR IT TO CONTINUE SUCH ACTION ON WIDER SCALE OR TO RESTRICT UNDULY PEOPLE WE DESIRE TO SEND. DEPT MAY WISH TO WORK WITH IREX ON TEXT SUCH MESSAGE. WE MAY ALSO WISH TO REFER TO THIS SORT OF PROBLEM IN NEGOTIATIONS ON CULTURAL-SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT NEXT SPRING, BUT WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT KKI REPLY WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY FORTHCOMING ON THE GENERAL POLICY TO JUSTIFY PROGRAM GOING AHEAD. FOREGOING HAS AMBASSADOR'S CONCURRENCE.  
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